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*Dear friends, - I was in Nashville Tenn. over
the past week end.*

*I did this on my own initiative, as I wished
to find out a few things.*

*First I found out that Tom is not anxious for
Bus to come back into the league. He says, he
would want him back if Bus had a chance to
make some money for Bus, but that would be
only through personal friendship. But he is afraid
the gates will be attacked where ever Bus plays.
I personally don't know anything further con-
cerning Bus than he told me he expected*

to come back into the league this season
and use the Cleveland American League Park
for Sunday games.

I asked Tom what he thought of Ed keeping
the option on Yankee Stadium. Tom said
he would go along the way the rest of the
league wanted it done.

He said if Lushner was getting one half
of the money Ed made at Yankee Stadium
then we could not count on Pompey vote
as Pompey could not afford to fall out with Lushner.

He said Lushner had informed him that he
had a man with money, who could put
up the advance money for Yankee Stadium
and that Lushner wants five home dates at
the Stadium and will pay the regular league
percentage to visiting clubs.

Tom thought by giving Lushner these dates
that the league would be doing right and

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that would automatically take the Stadium
out of Ed's hands.

I talked to "Sonny" this a.m. and he thinks
the same way.

Tom said J. B. Marten told him, that, they
did take some money from the Gross of East-
West game to pay on back taxes, but the
clubs and leagues received the full
amounts due them as he and Hall de-
ducted the advance taken out from their
individual share.

Tom is going to present the resolutions
passed by us in Sept in New York, to the

Negro American League at their meeting
in Chicago in December 27-28th.

He wants a meeting for our league in
Baltimore in January third.

He wants the contract for East-West game
signed by two representatives of each league
and the game run by the leagues without
Sapirstein. He claims he has the votes of
Memphis, St. Louis and Birmingham on all
of these issues.

Tom also stated he thought the best plan
was a President of each league and a Commissioner
in over both leagues. He wants the Commissioner
to be a man who leans toward the East.
The Commissioner to be a sort of mediation
board of one man.

Tom is now afraid that Negroes will
lose out altogether unless some thing is
done about Parks and other things.

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He is not certain of the vote if Lushner
bears down on Alex and Smuler, but claims
we can get Smuler's vote if Smuler gets
Yankee Stadium.

Now the union I have just given you are
the way I got them from Tom. He must
naturally agree.

As these union were given to me in con-
fidence, just to repeat to you only, I want
you to hold them confidential.

I don't think I can add anything to this
until I hear from you but I am almost
certain we can count on Tom's vote on

all the issues as concerns checking the
fellows who are controlling our leagues,
by controlling the parks.

My personal choice for Commissioner would be
Judge William Houston of Washington D.C.

because of his aggressiveness, standing, ability
and previous experience as successor to
Rube Foster as Commissioner of the
old Negro National League.

Houston is probably the most race conscious
professional man I have met.

He would run into organized opposition as
those who have fish to fry" fear him.

Regards-

Sam Cosby